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1. INDOCHINA

OPPENHEIM (CHITRIB) INTERVIEWS AMCIT IN TORONTO WHO SAYS HE
DESERTED FROM US MIL BASE IN THAILAND IN 1967, LIVED UNDER-
GROUND IN LAOS NEARLY 4 YRS.

ABOUT 300 CONDUCT CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION AT WH TO CALL ATTN
TO FATE MIAS/URGE ACTION BY PRES (WP).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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JAPANESE FREIGHTER OFF PHILS (REUTER TOKYO).

3. CHINA

RADIO STATIONS GIVE MORE DETAILS VIOLENCE IN PAOTING CITY/
FUKIEN PROV; WARN RADICAL ELEMENTS PUTTING UP LAST DITCH
FIGHT IN SHANGHAI (REUTER PEKING). BUTTERFIELD (NYT)

REPORTS DISCLOSURE THAT TROOPS SENT TO PAOTING NEAR PEKING HAVE ROUNDED UP WEAPONS/STOPPED FIGHTING/CONDUCTED PUBLIC TRIALS.

BRADSHER (WSTAR 1/27) FINDS NEW AIR OPTIMISM AT DOS. SAYS HAK VIRTUALLY IGNORED LARGE NUMBERS EXPERIENCED FSOS WHO IN THEORY HANDLED AFFAIRS LIKE USSR/PRC RELS. STATES CONDUCT PRC AFFAIRS CONTINUED SECRECY THAT TOOK HAK TO PEKING IN 1971 W/O DOS KNOWING ANYTHING WAS UP. ADDS NSC'S BRZEZINSKI INTENDS AVOID BEHIND-SCENES CONTROL THAT HAK EXERCISED IN USSR/PRC/SOME OTHER POLICY AFFAIRS WHEN HE HEADED NSC.

4. JAPAN

FUKUDA URGED THURS ECON SUMMIT INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS BE HELD AT "EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME," PROBABLY IN MAY. ASKED ABOUT JAPAN'S PLANS FOR PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY W/PRC, PM STATED "NO DEFINITE TIMETABLE FOR IT" (JOC).

MAJOR COVERAGE OPENING TANAKA TRIAL. ALL REPORTS NOTE TANAKA DENIED BRIBERY CHARGES, BROKE DOWN IN TEARS WHILE READING PREPARED STATEMENT DENYING ANY COLLUSION W/NIXON AT 9/72 HONOLULU SUMMIT RE PURCHASE 21 LOCKHEED JETS (UPI CHITRIB, NYDN; HORVAT, WP; SEIDEN, SUN; CULLISON, JOC; KAMM, NYT; WSTAR 1/27).

JAPANESE CABINET AGREES EXTEND NATION'S TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM 3 TO 12 MILES (REUTER).

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OBERDORFER (WP) DOES ITEM ON CARTER ADMIN'S ORDER FOR REVIEW US EFFORTS HALT NUKE PROLIFERATION; INDICATIONS WH/DOS WILL TAKE TOUGHER POSITION ON ISSUE. AMONG ITEMS TO BE STUDIED IS 11TH-HR DECISION BY FORD'S NSC TO PERMIT COMMERCIAL REPROCESSING IN EUR OF SHIPMENTS US-SUPPLIED NUKE FUEL OWNED BY JAPAN/SPAIN/SWITZ.

TEAM RUSSIAN AUTO MFRS SCHEDULED ARRIVE JAPAN THIS WEEK FOR NEGOTS/12-DAY TOUR AUTO PLANTS WHICH MAY LEAD TO PURCHASE JAPANESE AUTO PRODUCTION MACHINERY/FACILITIES/TECHNOLOGY (CULLISON, JOC).

5. JAPAN/KOREA

FUKUDA SAYS GOJ WILL FOLLOW "HANDS OFF" POLICY ON US TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM SK (WP). ADDS SEOUL HAS STATED IT NEEDS NO JAPANESE HELP TO PREVENT SUCH CUTBACK (WSJ).

AP (WP) CITES ALLEGATIONS FORMER DOS KOREAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

RANARD THAT S KOREAN AGENTS MADE CASH PAYMENTS TO JAPANESE POLITICIANS IN ORDER PROMOTE FAVORABLE POL CLIMATE IN TOKYO FOR ROKG'S INTERESTS. RANARD SAYS, "ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT IN MY MIND ABOUT THIS."

6. KOREA

IN ADDRESS BEFORE DEF MINISTRY, PARK SAID SK WOULD BE MASS-PRODUCING ALL ITS OWN MIL EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT NUKE ARMS/ COMBAT AIRCRAFT, BY END 1980. ALSO RESTATED FAITH IN PRO- POSAL FOR WORKABILITY NK-SK NONAGRESSION PACT (REUTER).

JACK ANDERSON STATES INTELL REPORTS INDICATE NK SO DESPER- ATELY SHORT OF HARD CURRENCY THAT IT'S DIRECTING WORLD-WIDE DRUG RING TO RAISE MONEY. SAYS SO FAR N KOREAN AGENTS HAVE TURNED UP IN SCANDINAVIA/MEXICO/AFRICA (BALT N-A 1/27).

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7. PHILIPPINES

SEC CHARGES GEN TEL/ELECTRONICS, UNIROYAL CORPS OF FAILING REPORT OVER 17 MIL DOLS "QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS" IN SEVERAL FON COUNTRIES. AMONG PAYMENTS MADE IN LAST DECADE WERE OVER 3 MIL DOLS CASH/CREDITS TO PHIL NATLS SO THEY COULD BUY GTE'S 28 PCT INTEREST IN PHIL LONG DISTANCE TEL CO (GREEN, REUTER; AP, SUN; BERRY, WP).

8. INDONESIA

GOI INVESTIGATING NYT REPORT THAT MILLIONS IN BRIBES PAID TO INDONESIAN OFFICIALS BY HUGHES AIRCRAFT IN CONNECTION W/MULTI-MIL-DOL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (REUTER 1/27).

9. GENERAL

CSM PROFILES HOW RICHEST NATIONS RANK IN ECON VITALITY BASED ON WB DATA THRU 1974. SHOWS SINGAPORE TOPS IN ANNUAL GNP GROWTH RATE 1965-74 AT 10 PCT; SK 3RD AT 8.7 PCT; JAPAN 4TH AT 8.5 PCT; TAIWAN 8TH AT 6.9 PCT; HK 15TH AT 5.4 PCT. IN TOTAL GNP FOR 1974, JAPAN WAS 3RD, CHINA 6TH, AUSTRALIA 15TH. IN PER-CAPITA GNP FOR 1974, AUSTRALIA RANKED 10TH, NZ 15TH, JAPAN 16TH.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

BROWNING (CSM) SAYS US LIKELY INITIATE SOME ACTION TO RE-

SUME VN TALKS WELL WITHIN 90 DAYS, ACCORDING INFORMED
PARIS SOURCES. QUOTES EXPERT THAT DOUBTS VANCE WILL BE
PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN TALKS. GIVES ANALYSTS' OPINION
THAT HANOI STATEMENT AT TIME CARTER INAUGURATION APPEARED
NEITHER SOFTEN/HARDEN VN POSITIONS. NOTES CARTER'S INTL
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AFFAIRS ADVISERS ALMOST ALL HAVE LONG VN EXPERIENCE, SO

MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE FULL ADMIN POSITION AGREED TO.

DICKENSON (WSTAR 1/27) NOTES US WANTS FORGET VN WAR/PRES
PARDON DESERTERS. BEITCHMAN (WSTAR 1/27) INTERVIEWS
REPORTER/AUTHOR GLORIA EMERSON WHO SAYS NOT SURE TRUE
COUNTRY WANTS PUT VN WAR BEHIND QUICKLY; CALLS CARTER
CABINET "SECOND STRING GUYS FROM 'THE BEST AND THE BRIGHT-
EST.'" EMERSON BELIEVES WAR WAS PROLONGED DUE US
ARROGANCE; SAYS IN APRIL 1975 ARVN "FELL BACK WITHOUT A
SHOT BEING FIRED;" CONCLUDES VN DID NOT TEACH US BE LESS
ARROGANT, AS ILLUSTRATED IN MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.

READER MODISSETT WRITES TO WP TO SUGGEST US OFFER BUY BACK
MIL EQUIPMENT FROM VN. SAYS PRICE WILL BE LESS THAN DOD
PAYING FOR NEW STUFF/WILL SATISFY DOVES WHO WANT SEND
MONEY TO SEA. STATES SHOULD CALL IT "MARTIAL PLAN."

11. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

MORITZ (CSM) DESCRIBES RTG/GOM JOINT ACTIONS VS INSURGENTS
ALONG BORDER. SAYS NEW OPNS DIRECTED AT GROWING STRENGTH
MALAYSIAN INSURGENTS IN THAILAND. BELIEVES JOINT OPNS
MAY BE EXTENDED TO OTHER AREAS IF PRESENT CAMPAIGN
SUCCEEDS; RESULTS SO FAR INCONCLUSIVE. QUOTES MIL ANA-
LYSTS THAT DECISIVE RESULTS REQUIRE LONG-TERM PRESSURE.

12. MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE

NEWMAN (WSJ) DESCRIBES BIZARRE RACING PATTERN AT WHICH
BETTERS GATHER AT TRACKS THO RACES HELD ELSEWHERE. SAYS
GOM/GOS GOT TOGETHER W/RACETRACK OWNERS, STARTED SYSTEM
TO KEEP TRACKS BOOMING ON WKENDS BY ROTATING RACES TO
1 TRACK EACH WKEND, HAVING DESCRIPTION TELEPHONED TO OTHER
TRACKS TO BE BROADCAST.

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3. CHINA

FASO/MESKIL (NYDN) DO FULL-PG ITEM ON PRC ESPIONAGE. TERM IT "WORLD'S OLDEST, LARGEST, AND PERHAPS MOST EFFICIENT" INTELL SERVICE. CITE CASES 2 US CHINESE-BORN AMCITS WHO BECAME INVOLVED IN PRC'S SPY GAME. STATE PEKING AGENTS "FIRMLY ENTRENCHED" AROUND WORLD, INCL "SMALL ARMY" HIGHLY-TRAINED SPIES IN NY W/PRC'S UN MISSION. CONCLUDE THO THEY KEEP LOW PROFILE IN US, "ARE EVERY BIT AS COMPETENT" AS CIA OR KGB.

14 GENERAL

WILLIS (CSM) STATES SOVIETS GAINING INFLUENCE IN KOREAN/VIET CIRCLES. IN VN, USSR "CLEARLY AHEAD" OF PRC W/MAS-SIVE 3-BIL-DOL AID PROGRAM/CONTINUAL PUBLIC PRAISE. IN NK, SOVIETS SOMEWHAT BEHIND CHINESE, THO RECENT VISIT PAK SUNG CHUL INDICATES SOVIET AID PROBABLY ON ITS WAY.

REP KOCH (NY) RESPONDS TO 2 NYT LETTERS RE VN. IN RESPONSE TO 1ST, SAYS HIS OPPOSITION TO VN WAR NOT FROM BELIEF IN "BENIGN" NVN, BUT FROM CONVICTION US HAD NO BUSINESS IN FON CIVIL WAR. ANSWERING 2ND, WHICH CHARG THAT ACCUSATIONS OF OPPRESSION IN NVN UNFOUNDED, KOCH ASKS HOW US' "RADICAL LEFT" CAN ATTACK FACIST REPRESSION IN SK/S AFR/CHILE/URUGUAY, BUT AT SAME TIME DEFEND IT IN PRC/USSR/VN/CUBA.

YOST (CSM) LOOKS BACK ON HAK TENURE. STATES FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HAK "COMMUNED AT SPECTACULAR SUMMITS" W/CHINESE, RUSSIANS, "SEEMINGLY INDIFFERENT TO SHOCKS TO NEIGHBORING ALLIES." BUT ADDS BEFORE CLOSE OF HIS TERM, WAS MANIFESTING "MUCH MORE SENSITIVE APPRECIATION" US' VALUABLE RELATIONSHIP TO EUR/JAPAN.

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